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## MECHANIZATION OF BULGARIAN AGRICULTURE PROGRESSES

Sof'ia, 14 August (TASS) -- The first machine tractor stations did not appear in Bulgaria until after 9 September 1944, the day of the beginning of Bulgaria's democratic development. The Main Administration of Machine Tractor Stations began its work with a single station in Levski city, with only 10 low-powered tractors. Now there are 86 machine tractor stations in Bulgaria with over 4,000 high-powered tractors of Soviet make. There are also ten combines, over 3,500 threshers, 9,000 seeders, etc.

Personnel for the machine tractor stations are prepared in special schools where young people are taken who have 8 years of education.

In 1947, 250,000 hectares of land were harvested with tractors, in 1948, 330,000, and in 1949, 450,000 hectares have been plowed in the first half year alone.

Threshers, binders, and other agricultural machines are now being made by Bulgarian engineers in Bulgarian plants.

**KULGAJA MAKES FIRST TRUCK** -- Otchestven Front, No 1540, 30 Aug 49

The workers of Factory 12 have completed work on Bulgaria's first 3-ton truck, which they promised on 1 May for 9 September.

Otechestven Front, No 1541, 31 Aug 49

The Georgi Dimitrov Locomotive and Railroad Car Works has completed a new Bulgarian locomotive and freight car, made entirely in the factory. This has been achieved with the help of the Soviet Union, which supplied the necessary materials.

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